Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

PAGE 01 STATE 032139
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 USIA-15 SIG-02 MMO-04 PA-02
PRS-01 INR-10 /059 R

DRAFTED BY EA/P:STAFF:VDC
APPROVED BY EA/P:JCANNON
DESIRED DISTRIBUTION
USIA/IEA:MSMITH
----------074240 080338Z /70
R 071941Z FEB 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS
INFO CINCPAC
COGYRD
TREASURY
GOVGUAM

UNCLAS STATE 032139

ATTN PARIS FOR MARK PRATT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SOPN, XC, US

SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 7 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. CHINA

FOLLOWING ,/6 DEPARTURE TENG HSIAO-PING FOR CHINA, NEPALESE
PM KIRTINIDHI BISTA TERMED VICE PREMIER'S 3-DAY VISIT
TURNING POINT IN HISTORY OF SUBCONTINENT. TENG WAS "VERY
EARNEST" ABOUT COUNTRIES OF REGION COOPERATING W/EACH OTHER
FOR ECON DEVELOPMENT, BISTA TOLD REPORTERS. SAID HIS
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 032139

IMPRESSION OF NEW PRC LEADERSHIP WAS THAT, ALTHO RELAXED,
IT WAS CONCERNED W/SOVIET EXPANSIONISM; THAT CHINESE
BELIEVE WAR INEVITABLE W/SOVIETS. ALSO,BISTA INDICATED
PRC FELT US NOT ACTING IN ACCORDANCE W/SHANGHAI AGREEMENT
(SABHARWAL, SUN NEW DELHI).

NYT'S SULLIVAN (2/6) REPORTS PRC HAS DATED HUMAN TEETH
FOUND IN YUNNAN PROVINCE IN '65 AT SOME 1.7 MILLION YRS
OLD.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

GOA OFFICIALS REPORT PRC IN NEXT FEW MONTHS WILL SEND TOP-LEVEL TRADE MISSION TO AUSTRALIA TO NEGOTIATE URANIUM PURCHASES (REUTER CANBERRA).

2. JAPAN

POLICE ARRESTED 41 LEFTIST DEMONSTRATORS 2/6 IN ATTACK ON TOWER BUILT TO TRY HALT OPENING NARITA AIRPORT. SOME 800 POLICE USED WATER CANNON/TEAR GAS TO DISPERSE PROTESTORS. AT LEAST 22 POLICEMEN INJURED (CHAPMAN, WP TOKYO; REUTER NARITA, ,/6).

FONMIN SONODA TOLD DIET TUES GOJ HAS APPROACHED SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCL CANADA/UK/SWEDEN/AUSTRALIA, ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF INTL AGREEMENT TO RESTRICT NUKE-POWERED SATELLITES SAID JAPAN HOPED RAISE SUBJECT AT NEXT MTG UN SCIENCE/TECHNOLOGY SUBCMTE IN NY 2/13 (REUTER TOKYO).

EXPORTS JAPANESE COLOR TVS FELL 15.8 PCT LAST YR FOLLOWING SHARP CUTBACK IN SALES TO US (REUTER TOKYO).

NISSAN WILL RAISE PRICE ON DATSUNS EXPORTED TO US BY AVG 9 PCT TO ACCOUNT FOR RISE IN YEN VALUE AGAINST DOLLAR.
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 STATE 032139

INCREASE MARKS 5TH SINCE LAST MAY (REUTER TOKYO).
3. KOREA
WP CLAIMS POSSESS COPIES 3 OF 105 STILL-SECRET ADMIN REPORTS ON HUMAN RTS, SCHEDULED BE MADE PUBLIC LATER THIS WK. SAYS DOS HAS CONCLUDED IRAN/SK/INCARAGUA CONTINUE EN-GAGE IN WIDESPREAD HUMAN RTS VIOLATIONS. ACCORDING DOCUMENTS, DOES NOT BELIEVE TORTURE "NOW REGULARLY EMPLOYED" IN SK, BUT CITES ALLEGATIONS OF POL PRISONERS BEING BEATEN/HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. STUDY ESTIMATES FEWER THAN 159 REMAIN IN PRISON UNDER KOREAN EMERGENCY MEASURES/CITES HEART OF RIGHTS PROBLEMS IS RESTRICTION POL LI0ERTIES (GOSHKO,.
4. INDONESIA
MAHBUB DJUNAEDI, LEADING INDO JOURNALIST/MOSLEM SCHOLAR, ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN STUD"NT AGITATION AGAINS UNCONTESTED RE-ELECTION SUHARTO NEXT MONTH. REUTER (JAKARTA) QUOTES INFORMED SOURCES THAT DJUNAEDI ARRESTED IN BANDUNG AFTER HIS ARTICLES APPEARED IN SEVERAL JAKARTA PAPERS--ONE ON COMPOSITION OF PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, WHICH EXPECTED RE-ELECT SUHARTO. DJUNAEDI IS FORMER CHRMN OF INDO JOURNALISTS ASSOC/CHIEF ED OF MOSLEM DAILY "DUTA MASJARAKAT," UNTIL IT WAS BANNED 2 YRS AGO.
W JAVA MIL COMMAND TUES ANNOUNCED BANNING OF 3 STUDENT PUBLICATIONS IN BANDUNG. IN JAKARTA, NATL SEC CHIEF SUDOM CALLED ON INDO UNIV/COLLEGE RECTORS KEEP STUDENTS AWAY FRO POLITICS, SAYING "SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS" HAD BEEN USING STUDENT ACTIVITIES TO HELP ACHIEVE THEIR ENDS, INCL CHANGE

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

IN NATL LEADERSHIP. TOTAL OF 2,3 STUDENTS/17 OTHERS
ARRESTED IN MIL CRACKDOWN ON PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN PAST
2 WKS (REUTER JAKARTA).
5. THAILAND
LAT'S MCARTHUR (3ANGKOK ,/3) DOES PIECE ON ANNUAL OUTBREAK
OF FIRES THERE OCCURRING JUST BEFORE CHINESE NEW YR.
SAYS EVERY NIGHT FOR LAST FEW WKS, FIREMEN ON RUN TRYING
COPE W/FRESH OUTBREAKS W/POOR EQUIPMENT THAT CAN REACH NO
HIGHER THAN 8 STORIES. FIRE DEPT ESTIMATES MORE THAN
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 STATE 032139

1,000 PEOPLE FORCED ABANDON HOMES, DAMAGE FIGURE EXPECTED
REACH LAST YR'S 3-MIL-DOL LOSS.
MCARTHUR SAYS ANNUAL EPIDEMIC STEMS FROM TRADITIONAL
CHINESE 0ELIEF THAT ALL DEBTS MUST BE PAID BEFORE NEW YR.
SOME START FIRES EXPECTING COLLECT ON INSURANCE POLICIES.
6. VIETNAM
SRV AMB TO UN TOLD UN SECY GEN MONDAY HE IS INNOCENT OF
ALLEGATIONS THAT HE WAS INVOLVED IN SPYING A;AINST US.
IN 30-MINUTE MTG AT WALDHEIM'S HOME, AMB THI PLEDGED
"PURSUE THE MATTER" TUESDAY BEFORE UN CMTE ON HOST COUNTRY
RELS (AP, SUN; REUTER 2/6).
7. VIETNAM/CAMBODIA
VN NEWS AGENCY MONDAY REPORTED HEAVY BORDER CLASHES W/
CAMBODIA OVER WKEND/SAID MORE THAN 1,000 CAMBODIAN TROOPS
PUT OUT OF ACTION IN AU GIANG PROVINCE. ON OTHER HAND,
CAMBODIA SAID ITS TROOPS KNOCKED OUT 8 VIET TANKS WHICH
PENETRATED ALONG BASSAC RIVER. ACCORDING REUTER,
FIGHTING MOST INTENSE REPORTED FOR SEVERAL WKS. PP RADIO
TUESDAY URGED CAMBODIANS DEFEND COUNTRY AGAINST VIETS,
WHILE NOT REPLYING TO SRV'S LATEST PEACE INITIATIVE, WHICH
CALLED FOR CEASEFIRE/NEGOTS/CREATION DMZ. REUTER'S ROGERS
(0ANGKOK) SAYS CAMBODIA EXPECTED REJECT VIET PROPOSALS,
THO ANALYSTS ANTICIPATE GENERALLY FAVORABLE INTL RESPONSE.
SAYS HANOI APPEARS EAGER MAINTAIN POSITION AS FRONT-RUNNER
IN BOTH COUNTRIES' EFFORTS WIN INTL SUPPORT (ALSO ,/6 HK).
8. NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

NZ GIVES 3 AIRLINES, INCL PANAM, APPROVAL INTRODUCE BUDGET
FARES TO US. EFF:CTIVE ,/26, NEW BUDGET RETURN FARE TO W
COAST WILL BE 659 DOLS (REUTER WELLINGTON). IN CANBERRA,
HOWEVER, CHRMN QANTAS SAID HE COULD NOT ACCEPT SITUATION
IN WHICH US CARRIERS WOULD BE OPERATING ALMOST TWIC: AS
MANY TRANS-PACIFIC FLIGHTS AS HIS OWN. IN RADIO INTERVIEW
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 STATE 032139

CHRMN POINTED OUT US CARRIERS WOULD HAVE 13 FLIGHTS/WK
COMPARED W/ONLY 7 FOR QANTAS IF CONTINENTAL JOINS PANAM
AS PROPOSED. AUSTRALIA/US TALKS ON AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT
EXPECTED BEGIN IN CANBERRA AROUND ,/20 (REUTER CANBERRA).

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. SEASIA

IN 2ND ARTICLE FROM INDOCHINA, WP'S SIMONS (2/6) SAYS ONE TRAIT 3 COMMUNIST/5 ANTI-COMMUNIST SEASIAN COUNTRIES HAVE IN COMMON IS AUTHORITARIAN NATURE THEIR REGIMES. BUT NOTES ASEAN GOVTS NO LONGER FEEL SERIOUSLY THREATENED FROM BEYOND THEIR BORDERS, FEEL REAL THREAT COMES FROM W/IN. CITES STUDENT UNREST IN THAILAND/INDO, RACIAL PROBLEMS 0ETWN MALAYS/CHINESE IN MALAYSIA, IMPERIOUS RUL" OF LEE KUAN YEW, INSURGENTS IN PHILS. STRESSES THESE PRO9LEMS INTERNAL AFFAIRS, THAT DOMINO THEORY "TOSSED ONTO HISTORY'S RUBBISH HEAP."

SIMONS SAYS INDOCHINA WARS HAVE LEFT COMMUNIST STAT"S "SPENT"/WEAKENED ECONOMICALLY. AS EXTERNAL THREAT FADES, SAYS REAL TEST FACING MOST NON-COMMUNIST GOVTS IS PLIGHT OF RURAL POOR MAJORITIES. CONTENDS THAILAND/MALAYSIA FACE MOST IMMEDIATE CHALLENGES. RE REMAINING ASEAN STATES, ASKS BASIC QUESTION: HOW MUCH LONGER CAN GOVTS AFFORD REMAIN OPPRESSIVE AND, EX-"PT FOR SINGAPORE, OFFICIALLY CORRUPT (ACCOMPANIED BY MAP).

10. VIETNAM

WM BUCKLEY (WSTAR 2/5) DEFENDS FRANK SNEPP'S "DECENT INTERVAL," EVEN THO AUTHOR BROKE HIS SECRECY OATH TO WRITE BOOK. SAYS SNEPP TELLS STORY OF OUR LAST DAYS IN VN IN "MORDANT, GRISLY, OUTRAGEOUS" DETAIL, BLAMING US ACTIONS ON POLGAR/MARTIN/HAK. BUCKLEY, HOWEVER, PUTS ONUS ON WATER-

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 06 STATE 032139

GATE; CONTENDS NIXON'S TAPES ,CAUSED THE DOWNFALL OF SOUTH VIETNAM." EXPLAINS THAT WHEN TIME CAME TO NUDGE CONGRESS,

"TO REDEEM THE PROMISES WE HAD MADE," ONLY SUBJECT THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ON HILL WAS JOHN DEAN. CONCLUDES, "JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS BOOK IS ITS CONTENTS."

11. CHINA

L MATHEWS (LAT HK 2/6) DOES LENGTHY ITEM ON PRC/HK RELS. SAYS BRITAIN SUCCESSFUL IN KEEPING COLONY THRIVING, BECAUSE OF HK'S INCREASING DEFERRENCE TO PRC; TO WHIT: PRC HAS MADE WISHES KNOWN, SO HK GOVT BARS NEARLY ALL SOVIET INFLUENCE FROM COLONY/SCREENS ROC VISITORS TO KE"P OUT ANY CONNECTED W/NATL REGIME/DOES NOT REFER TO SELF AS "COLONY" DESPITE PUBLIC OPINION TO CONTRARY, HAS DROPPED DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME SO HK CLOCKS RUN YR ROUND ON PRC TIME.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

ON OTHER SIDE, MATHEWS NOTES, PRC LEADERS RECENTLY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO REASSURE HK THEY SEE NO REASON ALTER STATUS QUO; MOST RECENTLY, LIAO CHENG-CHIH, CCP CENTRAL CMTE MEMBER, TOLD HK REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS DEL VISITING PEKING THAT PRC WOULD NOT EVEN CONSIDER DOING ANYTHING ABOUT HK UNTIL ROC ISSUE SETTLED. OBSERVES HK HAS, UNDER PRESENT STATUS, OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES FOR PRC--NAMELY, IS PEKING'S LARGEST EXPORT MARKET/WHILE HK BRITISH-CONTROLLED PRC SPECULATES SOVIETS MIGHT NOT BE AS LIKELY BLOCKADE COLONY IN EVENT OF WAR. CONCLUDES PRC STAKE SO GREAT IN HK, IT WILL NOT LET ANYTHING AFFECT COLONY'S PROSPERITY.

MATHEWS (WP HK) DECLARES CCP, WHILE APPEARING FROM OUTSIDE "POWERFUL"/"AUTHORITARIAN AS ANY GOVT ON EARTH," DOES NOT "REIGN SUPREME" IN VILLAGES WHERE DECISIONS AFFECTING
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 07 STATE 032139

PEOPLE'S LIVES REALLY MADE. SAYS THIS CONCLUSION REACHED FOLLOWING SEVERAL INTERVIEWS OF PRC REFUGEES WHO FLED TO HK.

EARNSHAW (REUTER HK 2/6) DOES FEATURE ON CHINESE NEW YR. NOTES 250,000 CHINESE EXPECTE VISIT MAINLAND TO JOIN RELATIVES THERE FOR CELEBRATION OF EVENT.

12. KOREA

ROCHE (WSTAR 2/3) QUESTIONS WHERE LINE BE DRAWN BETWN BRIBERY/LEGIT CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS/GIFTS. BELIEVES CATEGORIES EMPLOYED IN DETERMINING POL MORALITY "ECCENTRIC." SUGGESTS TONGSUN PARK NOT BRIBING CONGRESSMEN; "THEY WERE BLACKMAILING HIM." OPINES, "WE DON'T NEED ANY LAWS"/ "SERMONS" FROM PROXMIRE TO DEAL W/BLACKMAIL, "AND IT NEED

NOT BE A FELONY TO ACCEPT A CIGAR FROM A LOBBYIST."

13. PHILIPPINES

REUTER'S BICKLER (MANILA, 2/6) DISCUSSES UPCOMING ELECTION . CITES OPPOSITION THREAT OF NON-PARTICIPATION UNLESS DECISION ALLOW BLOC VOTING CHANGED. SAYS UNLESS DISPUTE SETTLED QUICKLY, APRIL ELECTIONS COULD TURN OUT ONE-SIDED AFFAIR W/ONLY PRO-MARCOS CANDIDATES RUNNING. MENTIONS MARCOS' CONCESSIONS THUS FAR TO OPPOSITION, BUT NOTES PRES HAD MADE CLEAR BLOC VOTING QUESTION MOST DIFFICULT POINT ON WHICH TO COMPROMISE. BICKLER REVIEWS MECHANICS OF INTERIM NATL ASSEMBLY TO BE ELECTED IN APRIL, NOTING MARCOS STILL RETAINS POWER DISSOLVE ASSEMBLY/MAKE LAW BY DECREE IF HE SEES FIT.

14. GENERAL

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

NYT'S HOLLIE (2/5) DOES ITEM ON 3RD WORLD TEXTILE INDUSTRY S
UNCLASSIFIED

CHALLENGE TO DEVELOPED NATIONS. CITES AMER TEXTILE MFRS
INSTITUTE BELIEF THAT W/O RELIEF, US TEXTILE INDUSTRY WILL
DIE "SLOW DEATH." HOLLIE SAYS IMPORT PRESSURE FROM JAPAN/
HK/SK/ROC COST OVER 270,000 US TEXTILE/APPAREL JOBS BETWN
1965-76, W/NEARLY 90 MILLS HAVING CLOSED IN LAST 3 YRS.
NOTES JA,AN ALSO SUFFERING DUE COMPETITION FROM OTHER
ASIAN MRFS. SAYS SOLUTION TO PROBLEM DIFFICULT, AS
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LESS AND LESS WILLING SUBJECT THEMSELVBS
TO DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED W/FREE TEXTILE TRADE. VANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 26 sep 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL SUMMARIES, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 feb 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE032139
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: EA/P:STAFF:VDC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Expiration:
Film Number: D780058-0226
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t197802120/baaafbtj.tel
Line Count: 288
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 5a9bb5cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 6
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3475003
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: FEBRUARY 7 EA PRESS SUMMARY
TAGS: SOPN, XC, US
To: ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS MOSCOW MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/5a9bb5cf-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014